

## ***Grapevine Pruning***

After a grapevine has been trained, it must be pruned to keep it manageable and maximize fruit production. The best time for major pruning is mid-January to mid-March (dormant season), although touch-up pruning can be done during the growing season.

The standard rule is to remove last year's growth (fruiting wood), leaving spurs with 2 to 4 nodes, and spurs spaced about every 6 inches of cordon. Spur renewal may be needed every 3 to 6 years so that new fruiting wood (nodes) are never located more than a foot from the cordon. Spur thinning can be accomplished by removing entire spurs or part of them.

After 5 to 10 years, it is not uncommon for cordons to lose vigor or die. Simply select another young shoot to train along the wire and it will become your cordon the following year.

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